

Appln. No. 09/856,319
Amd. dated August 31, 2004
Reply to Office Action of June 9, 2004

REMARKS

The Office Action has been carefully reviewed. No claim is allowed. Claim 32 presently appear in this application and define patentable subject matter warranting its allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are hereby respectfully solicited.

Claim 32 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. This rejection is believed to be obviated by the amendment to claim 32 to recite that the increased level is compared before and after induction of pancreatitis in an individual, which was indicated by the examiner as finding support in the specification.

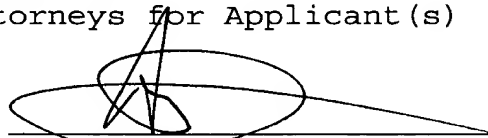
Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are therefore respectfully requested.

In view of the above, the claim complies with 35 U.S.C. §112 and define patentable subject matter warranting its allowance. Favorable consideration and early allowance are earnestly urged.

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